

# **The Wise Man Will Marry and Have Children ... According To The Circumstances of His Life**

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"Whether this applies to a 'sage' or to everyone is to me the more difficult question".

I definitely agree with you there, Joshua.

And as Godfrey says, life itself is not for the faint of heart.

Another question I would throw into the mix is whether there have been major changes in family relationships that color our modern attitude. I gather that in ancient world the role of parents was much less "permissive " than today.

But the main issue for me is that with so much emphasis in places like Lucretius on observing how pleasure leads all animals to continue their kind, I cannot see Epicurus exempting humans, even "sages" (a concept itself which may be questionable from an Epicurean viewpoint - is that supposed to be someone who pursues wisdom I instead of pleasure?) from the same natural order.